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1. The department for the planning of ferro-concrete barges at the MSP has been closed, and practical work will continue in the USSR.
2. The leader of that department, Spalding, has now been made chief of the Machine Building Department at the MSP, and the following are his immediate tasks:
 - a. To write a treatise on the comparison of the steel string reinforced concrete Stahlsaitenbeton ships with ordinary steel ships, and with ordinary reinforced concrete ships.
 - b. To write a treatise on the comparison of "Spanngerüste", system Lickner and system Spalding, MSP.
 - c. Practical application based on experience with a 180 ton concrete barge reinforced with steel strings.

(The above three tasks wind up Spalding's activities in the ferro-concrete barge department).
 - d. The construction of a 40 atmosphere pressure ship's boiler of the La Mont type. The plans for this boiler were made by La Mont, Schadow-Strasse, Berlin and were approved by Spalding of the MSP. The construction of the boiler is to be undertaken by the shipyard in Uebigau (Dresden), and the MSP in Berlin is responsible.
3. In early September 1948 a large reduction of staff at the MSP Berlin was put into effect. About 40 to 50 percent of the German engineers are being dismissed for reasons of economy. At the same time, it was noticed that all Soviet chiefs who had for some time been in civilian clothing were back again in uniform with silver shoulder boards. All have been promoted one rank. Infelichin is now a full colonel and Lebedic, a waterway engineer, who was demoted from Major to captain at the armistice, is now major again.

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Comment: It is commonly assumed by the Germans employed at the MSP that the entire office is in course of dissolution and that there will be little left by the spring of 1949. Then, those engineers whom the Soviets have singled out, will probably be taken to the USSR.)

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